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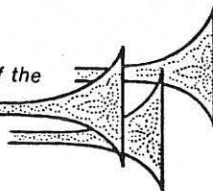
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March 4, 1969

Mr. H. E. Steele,  
1295 Homer Street  
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear brother Steele:

I am grateful for your letter of February 24 but sad to learn that you had to resign at Jackson Avenue. I am not sad over the decision you made for I believe it to be correct and Christian, but I am regretful that the Jackson Avenue elders could not see the pressing need to clearly and fully preach the universal gospel of the universal Christ, which brings into existence the universal church. Somehow the word universal in our vocabulary does not mean inclusive of all men who would respond to Jesus but rather means the church, regardless of how fragmented and narrow might be its strata of society from which its members come, can exist in these prejudiced, exclusive groups in all parts of the world. This I believe to be a mistaken understanding of the universal church.

I am thrilled to see that you are being used in so many different ways. God does have a place for you and will open more doors than you can walk through. He does provide the opportunities and the power to meet them. I know your ministry in the name of Christ will be even more effective in the months ahead than it has been in the past (1 John 4:4; Ephesians 3:14-21).

I long for the opportunity to meet you at some future date. Thank you so much for the correspondence you have shared with me.

Fraternally yours,

John Allen Chalk  
Radio Evangelist

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